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CHAPTER 503

AN ACT to amend 348.07 (1); and to create 340.01 (66a), 341.26 (5), 348.07 (2a) and 348.08 (1) (c) of the statutes, relating to tour trains.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 340.01 (66a) of the statutes is created to read:

340.01 (66a) "Tour trains" means 3 or less trailer type vehicles designed for carrying passengers on educational or recreational excursions, not exceeding a maximum over-all length of 50 feet, including the propelling motor vehicle, for being drawn individually or in tandem by a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. 341.26 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

341.26 (5) TOUR TRAINS. For each tour train, the operation of which is limited in s. 348.08 (1) (c), a single fee for the 3 or less units thereof equal to one-half of the fee prescribed in s. 341.25 (1) (h) for a motor bus of the same maximum gross weight as the aggregate maximum gross weight of all units of the tour train, excluding the propelling motor vehicle, when such gross weight is computed as prescribed in s. 341.25 (1) (h).

SECTION 3. 348.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.07 (1) No person, without a permit therefor, shall operate on a highway any single vehicle with an over-all length in excess of 35 feet or any combination of 2 vehicles with an over-all length in excess of 50 feet, except as otherwise provided in * * * subs. (2) and (2a).

SECTION 4. 348.07 (2a) of the statutes is created to read:

348.07 (2a) Tour trains consisting of 4 vehicles including the propelling motor vehicle may be operated as provided in s. 348.08 (1) (c).

SECTION 5. 348.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

348.08 (1) (c) "Tour trains," as defined in s. 340.01 (66a), may, without such permit, be drawn by a motor vehicle upon and along county and municipal roads and streets and across state trunk highways, and upon and along state trunk highways where there are no alternate municipal or county routes or streets for such operation. The following requirements and restrictions shall apply to "tour train" operations:

1. Tour trains shall operate within a radius of 10 miles from the situs of the beginning and ending of the excursion.
2. Tour trains shall operate only along those portions of the state trunk highway system approved by the state highway commission.
3. The towing vehicle shall be of such design and construction that it will safely tow the unit at speeds up to 35 m.p.h. and the towing vehicle shall in no case be a farm-type tractor, but shall be a motor vehicle originally designed and manufactured expressly for operation upon public highways.
4. Each unit of a "tour train", regardless of weight, shall be equipped with brakes as provided in s. 347.35 (3) (a).
5. Tour trains shall be equipped with head lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, directional signal lamps and reflectors as provided in ch. 347 and in compliance with these provisions as if the train were a single motor vehicle.
6. All hitches, couplings, safety chains or cables shall be in compliance with s. 347.47.

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